

# FOUR SEASONS

## BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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### April Meeting Bring-Your-Own-Tree Workshop

April 27, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. at  
Telly's Greenhouse

At this month's meeting you will have a chance to get expert advice and assistance with one of your own bonsai projects. If you have any questions as to the direction your tree is taking and how you can make it better, or if you want to start a new tree on its journey to becoming a bonsai, this is the meeting for you. Bring in your trees, and our more experienced experts will assist you in your effort.

Also remember to bring in any tools you have. If there is something you need, there will be other members who will be happy to loan you the proper tool.

You will be responsible for the clean-up of your area. We want to leave our club space as clean as it was when we got there.



### President's Message:

Finally, we're getting what we wait for all winter, spring weather, and our trees are breaking dormancy, so let the repotting begin.

It's time to start thinking which of our trees we will consider entering in our annual show in June.

Hopefully the winter did not take a heavy toll with broken branches or die back. Our April 27th meeting is just the place to bring your tree to get all the help you need, either tropical or a hardy species, whether it's on pruning, potting, wiring or a decision to remove that branch that doesn't look like it belongs.

Bill Struhar will show how to prepare your tree for transport to the Mid Michigan show to be held on May 2-3 at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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The Four Seasons Show will be held on June 21, 22 at Tellys Greenhouse and George Papadelis promises to have the show area air conditioned.

The position of club librarian is open as well as various positions to help out at our show. See Lamont Jackson at the meeting to sign up and help make this show our greatest yet.

The club needs your participation to continue to make this club a member's club.

Thanks, see you at the meeting.  
Hector DeBrabant  
President

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## **Show 'N Tell for April**

Our Show'N Tell plant for April is the Jade plant *Crassula argentea*, is a tough succulent houseplant that can live for years in containers and likes the warm, dry conditions found in most homes. A mature plant has an oriental look and an appealing bonsai quality.

If you have a Jade bonsai in your collection and would like to show it to the club, bring it to the meeting and you can compare it to other Jade bonsai from other members.

## **Volunteers for our Annual Show**

June is fast approaching and there are still positions to fill to help with the Annual Show. With two well-known Bonsai Masters coming to our club this year, we are hoping to attract many more new members interested in learning more about the Art of Bonsai. If you have any time available the weekend of June 21-22 to help with one of the many jobs that have to be done to make this show a success, please sign up at the next meeting, or contact our Show Chairman, Lamont Jackson, by email at <lamont\_tiger@lycos.com>

## **Librarian Needed**

We still do not have a volunteer who would be willing to take on the job of librarian for the club and display all the many books, magazines and videos that the club has available free of charge for all of our members. If you can spend a little extra time at each of the meetings to set up a display, please contact any of our board members and let them know. We need your help.

## **Shimpaku Juniper Styled by Roy Nagatoshi**

Below is an example of the work of Roy Nagatoshi, our Guest bonsai master for our Annual Show this year. This is one of the bonsai owned and styled by him.



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## Tentative Schedule 2008

April 27 - Bring-our-own tree workshop.

May 18\* - Bill Struhar's "two-step tree tricks"  
- severe work on tropicals

June 21-22\* - Annual Show

July 27 - Mid-summer workshop

Aug. 24\* - Bonsai auction and pot luck dinner

Sept. 28 - Ikebana demo

Oct. 26 - Carving demo & discussion on getting your trees ready for winter.

Nov. 23\* - Three-of-a-kind demo - tropical species

Dec. 7\* - Christmas party - restaurant T.B.D.

\* - Not held on the last Sunday of the month.

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## Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at Telly's Greenhouse at 3301 John R Troy, Mi. 48083-5656, between Big Beaver and Wattles. Nursery phone: 248-689-8735, Nursery website: www.tellys.com. Guests are welcome at meetings.

Meetings are usually held on the last Sunday of lthe month at 2:00 p.m. Some events are held off-site. Always consult the schedule for exact date and time.



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